



Register of the Kentucky Historical Society **Manuscript Submission Information**

Manuscript Submission

Published since 1903, the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* is the leading peer-reviewed, academic journal examining the history and culture of Kentucky and the people of the state. Although dedicated to Kentucky history, the *Register* strives to be historiographically relevant to scholars everywhere and effectively engage in significant scholarly debates.

Authors of potential articles for the *Register* need not be professional historians, but all should understand that their work will be judged by professional historians and held to high scholarly standards. Manuscripts passing the initial review by the *Register* editors are sent to scholars with expertise related to the article topic for a double-blind peer review. This means that the reviewers do not know the identity of the author and authors are not told the identity of the reviewers. This process can take several months.

- Editors cannot judge abstracts; only finished manuscripts may be submitted for consideration. Manuscripts undergo a rigorous review process, and only some are chosen for publication.
- Fiction and poetry are not considered, and neither in most cases is material that has been previously published.
- For articles dealing with genealogy, please consider submitting to *Kentucky Ancestors Online*; submission guidelines for KAO can be found at: <http://kentuckyancestors.org/submission-guidelines/#as>.
- On select occasions, the *Register* publishes edited and annotated diaries, collections of letters, and oral-history transcripts.

Submit manuscripts to Stephanie M. Lang, PhD, associate editor, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. Electronic submissions are preferred and should be sent to: stephanie.lang@ky.gov. To submit via postal mail, send manuscripts to Stephanie M. Lang, Kentucky Historical Society, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, KY, 40601.

Subject Matter

The subject matter of potential articles can range widely, from broad-based studies to local topics or biographical pieces. Article topics are not restricted to a specific time period – articles can cover subjects from the eighteenth century to the recent past.

There should be a Kentucky connection to the article, but the main action may not necessarily take place in Kentucky. For example, there are articles in the *Register* about Kentuckians in military service overseas and about politicians working in Washington, D.C. The *Register* staff will also consider comparative studies or broader, regional studies (on Appalachia or the Ohio River Valley, for example) that have a significant Kentucky component.



Format and Length

Submitted manuscripts should be double-spaced in a standard twelve-point font with footnotes. The author's name should not appear anywhere in the manuscript (except if a separate work by the author is cited in the notes). Articles should be no more than ten thousand words, not including notes. The editors will consider longer manuscripts, but such manuscripts may require substantial cuts before they can be accepted for publication.

Illustrations and Maps

The editors of the *Register* will consider the use of illustrations and maps that significantly and substantively enhance submitted articles. Authors are responsible for supplying publication-ready artwork, photographs, or illustrations as well as obtaining and paying for the necessary permissions and reproduction rights for both print and online use. Authors are responsible for supplying suitable captions and credit lines.

Acceptance, Copyright, and Publication

If a manuscript is accepted for publication, the author is expected to sign a standard journal copyright agreement. It is the author's responsibility to obtain the necessary written permissions to quote from unpublished documents, to quote extensively from published material, and to use illustrative material.

Special Issues and Call for Papers (CFP)

The *Register* periodically publishes special issues on significant Kentucky-related topics/themes in an effort to promote the expansion of innovative scholarship in new historiographical areas. Past special issues have included new research on environmentalism in Kentucky, the twentieth century, Kentucky's African American history, new directions in sports history, and Civil War guerrilla warfare. Guest editors, who are established or up-and-coming specialists in a particular field, are usually asked to participate in special issues. All CFPs for upcoming special issues are posted online at <https://history.ky.gov/resources/register-kentucky-historical-society/> along with submission information.

KHS Research Fellowship Program

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